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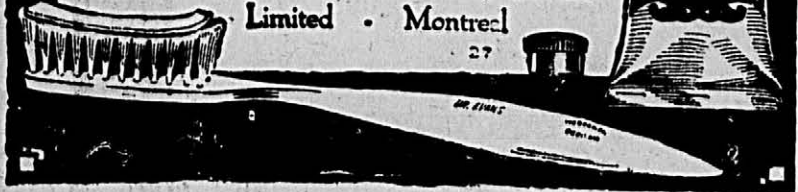
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Pte. R. H. Parkhill, '17, Transferred to Texas.

DESCRIBES JOURNEY.

Relates Many New Aspects of Camp Life in Southern U.S.

The following letter has been received by a member of the staff from R. H. Parkhill, Commerce '17, a former Associate Editor of the Daily. Parkhill enlisted in the R. F. C. after the close of last year's session, and went to Camp Mohawk, whence he transferred to Fort Worth.

Somewhere in Texas, Nov. 29, 1917.

Dear —, The last time I wrote I was in Mohawk. Now I am about ten miles from Fort Worth, Texas. A lot has happened to me since I was in Canada, and the best place to begin the tale is at the commencement of the journey.

On the 15th of November, so early in the morning that lanterns had to be used to enable the sergeant to call the roll, we fell in and marched with full kit to the station, about half a mile away. At seven, we climbed on board, and by evening we were close to the border. I was on guard on the train the first night, and at each station that we stopped at I had to stand on the platform at my end of the car. At almost every station there were people looking for their friends who were on their way to Texas. At Detroit a steam connection broke on our car, and the fellows were all awakened and moved into a new car, which was put on there. The change was entirely for the better, as the old car we left had only candles for lighting purposes. The new car had two electric lights in each lower berth, and we had sheets and pillows to add to our comfort. Three occupied a section; two were in the lower one, and the one on the top travelled first class. The next stop where we were allowed off was Michigan city, Indiana. We spent a couple of hours there while another car was repaired, and in the meantime the troop train which had been behind us passed up.

Joliet, Ill., was the next stop of note. There a girls' school turned out to welcome us, and a band came out and played some popular tunes for our benefit. The boys all voted that town to be the best place we stopped at. Someone started the shout, "Are we downhearted?" The reply shout was, "No, we are Joliet."

Not much of interest happened after that until we arrived at Fort Worth early Sunday morning. It was so warm on Sunday that we were going round in our shirts without any kind of coat. The next morning it was colder than the day we left Canada. Since then the weather has been wonderful, and to-night the moon is so bright that several aeroplanes are flying around.

It has rained only one night, and for four days after that we could not get rid of the mud. This soil sure is marvellous, and the mud must be noted for its tenacity.

This camp is ten miles from Fort Worth, and is an American camp, occupied at present by the 43rd wing of the Royal Flying Corps.

It is not completed yet, and we have no electricity at all. The line from town is not as far as the camp at present. It is a camp which has been built from experience obtained by building the Canadian camps, and a few U.S. ones, and you may depend that everything is handy and convenient and in its place. When the contractors hand it over to the Government as planned, it will be the ideal camp of North America.

There are some very interesting things in Texas; one of them is the county convict camp, which is not far from here. There are about 30 or 40 niggers there, and they have their ankles chained by a 24-inch chain, which is held up in the centre by a strap supported by a waist belt.

Mules and coloured people are very numerous here, and riding horses seem to be as numerous as bicycles. To-day a boy rode up on the original Jack-ass, and when he dismounted, the animal remained standing perfectly still, not even moving one of its huge ears.

Fort Worth is over-crowded with soldiers, as there is a huge American infantry camp near here, with about 25,000 or 30,000 troops under canvas.

To add to this there are three aviation camps, including this one.

To-day is the American Thanksgiving Day, and I was going to Dallas in the afternoon, and to a dance in Fort Worth. In the evening, but the nearest I got to either was the fence around the camp, to which I went and leaned on and watched the motor-cars call by.

The Thanksgiving Day I spent in (Continued on Page 4.)

WILL PROBABLY PRESENT THE COLORS THIS AFTER-NOON.



CAPT. P. F. SISE.

WILL DEPOSIT COLORS OF 148TH. BATTALION

Capt. P. F. Sise Will Probably Make the Presentation.

The C. O. T. C. will participate in a very interesting ceremony this afternoon at 3.15, during the time of the regular parade. The colours of the 148th Battalion, mother battalion of the C.O.T.C., will be formally deposited in the Redpath Library.

These colours were sent back from overseas last October, and the ceremony has been deferred until the present time to allow as many as possible of the returned men of the original battalion to be present. About eight officers and twenty-six men are known to have returned to Canada.

The officers are as follows:

Major Stikeman, at present on the Headquarters Staff at Ottawa; Captain P. F. Sise, who went overseas as Adjutant, and who is now a member of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission in New York City; Captain Abner Kingman, Junior, at present attached to the British Embassy at Washington; Captain Dan. Gilmour; Lieut. F. W. G. Hale; Lieut. J. E. Slessor; Lieut. Alexander; Captain W. C. Graham, Chaplain of the Battalion, and Lieut. Blacklock, who, after being in France, returned to Canada for further instruction and was transferred to the R. F. C.

In the report that was published yesterday, Capt. Dan Gilmour's name was inadvertently omitted.

If Capt. P. F. Sise is present, he will be the senior officer of the 148th on parade. It is probable that in this event, he will formally hand over the colours. The colours will be in charge of a colour party and escort, all composed of men of the 148th.

Sir William Peterson will officially take over the colours from the 148th on behalf of the University.

The C.O.T.C. will fall in on the campus at the usual hour. As this is a ceremonial parade, it is highly important that every button be shined, and the uniforms be in apple pie order. The battalion will be drawn up in a hollow square to take part in the ceremony.

HALIFAX RELIEF.

R. V. C. students wishing to contribute to the relief of destitute people in Halifax may do this through Miss B. O. Macdonald, '19, Miss E. Borden, '20, or Miss Longworth, Secretary of the R. V. C. Money received will be forwarded as soon as possible to three R. V. C. graduates, who have undertaken to help in the Relief Work — Miss M. Cameron, '16; Miss M. Corner, '16; and Miss J. Wisdom, '07, who is Head of the Bureau of Social Service in Halifax.

There is no need of calling the attention of students to the great trouble that has come to people living in what was one of Canada's most prosperous cities. Although help has come to them from many parts of this country and the U. S., there is yet an extreme need of the necessities of life, and shall we, students of Montreal, be the last to give help? So, let us all help as much as we can, and as soon as possible.

A number of our students have suffered great anxiety on account of relations and friends living in Halifax. But, we are glad to say, only encouraging news has been received concerning these.

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One of the most enjoyable smokers of the season was held last night in the Union. The programme was exceptionally entertaining; the smokes were perfect, and the "eats" were in plentiful abundance. The Union staff must be commended for the room furnishings, and the atmosphere conveyed.

About 75 Arts men were seated about the cozy room in the Union when the chairman, W. E. Blamplin, announced that the first item would be a piano solo by that popular college pianist, J. H. Dolron.

He started the programme of the evening with "Joan of Arc" followed by several other selections, which were much appreciated.

W. E. Blamplin, the able president of the Arts Undergraduate Society, then introduced Moore, who was slated for the seventh number, but owing to an important engagement, was placed second. Moore delighted the audience with two tenor solos, "A Wonderful Thing," and "They Go Wild, Simply Wild Over Me," and the audience showed their approval by their prolonged applause. A. A. Scott acted as accompanist, and deserves much praise for his good work.

The Mandolin Club then rendered several choice selections, which kept the studious ones in a good humour. The Glee Club deserves the greatest praise, as quite a large part of the evening's talent was furnished by it. The chairman then introduced Captain Graham, the Chaplain of the 148th Battalion. After certain remarks on Theology, the speaker commenced his address, which might be called "The Aristocracy of England." He pointed out that the English gentleman's conduct might be expressed in "Noblesse Oblige." The English gentleman is a true aristocrat, but not such an aristocrat who is opposed to democracy. English aristocracy has held to a standard which has long characterized it, and it was this aristocracy, which, by its bulldog tenacity, saved the Empire in the early days of the war, and will continue until final victory.

Captain Graham then showed that the English gentleman owed his character to his love of sport for sport's sake. Above all, the English gentleman was game. But the idea of going to win for the sake of winning, without thinking of the consequence was foreign to him.

The speaker then went on to show that the English gentleman has an innate modesty, which is not false modesty. Captain Graham then related several episodes relating to the English gentleman, which had occurred while he was in France. A certain Imperial officer had been assigned to share his dug-out, and he found him a true gentleman. What was his surprise one day, when the mail clerk came in and dropped a couple of letters on the officer's kit. These bore the name "Lord." Here was a lord; who behaved as the best gentleman he ever knew.

Another example of British modesty is seen in this. A young cavalry officer one night crawled out of his dug-out, succeeded in passing the German lines, and by his ability to speak the language was able to hear the German plans, and by informing his brigade headquarters, the whole German party was captured. Yet this hero could not be induced to relate the story of his exploit.

The speaker then related how he had been brought together with British officers, and found that among the number four were practically excluded because of their boasting and egotism. The English gentleman, when he sees a man, looks him over to see if he has the bearing of a gentleman, he takes him for such, but when he thinks him to be otherwise, he will have nothing to do with him.

Several other examples of the British gentleman were indicated by the speaker, prominent among these being Major McDowell, who, though performing one of the most heroic feats, could not be made to tell the manner of its performance.

In closing his address Captain Graham said that the English gentleman, in practising virtues, does not make a virtue of them. He starts for his standard of conduct, and though it may not be an ideal, it certainly is something worth while to uphold.

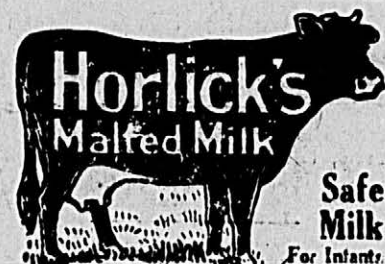
The speaker then concluded by pointing out that religion offers us the highest rule of conduct, and he (Continued on Page 2.)

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USELESS GIFTS.

By this time it seems that our Christmas must inevitably be the same hurried, tumultuous, weary and costly thing that it has always been. We must rush hither and thither, dazed by a strange medley of undesirable objects, and daunted by the prices asked for them. We must storm postoffices, and stand in line before the dingy desks of express companies. We must waste money and strength and time and temper, turning the great feast of the Christian year into a mad scramble for gifts. We must walk down the streets and ask ourselves fearfully what intilities are coming our way in return for the intilities we send forth. We must do what we have always done, and wonder, as usual, why we do it.

Here at least is room for practical reform. The call for nation wide economy is not a meaningless word. It represents a real and bitter need. Waste of money, waste of raw material, waste of man power and woman power, all help to bring disaster. We might and we should resolve that this Christmas we will buy—for adults—nothing absolutely useless. Useful gifts are more difficult to find and to fit; they are more homely than the glittering trumpery spread on the Christmas counters; but their purpose is known, their dignity apparent, their welcome well assured.—Youth's Companion.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Arts smoker held last night was, as described elsewhere in to-day's Daily, an unqualified success. This makes the fourth important social event at McGill this year, and the same words of approbation might be said with regard to each and all of them. While the Daily has never been in favour of having the social side of the University life carried on quite as usual in the present time of stress, we have always felt that, in moderation, the holding of informal functions like last night's smoker is in every way a good thing. Let us hope that in the near future there will be more affairs of the same kind to brighten up things generally, and to bring professors and students closer together in an informal way.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

We have received the following notice through Principal Peterson:

La-Col. Ballantyne wants 30 student volunteers. Apply to Mr. McCarthy at the Central Committee Rooms of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, 209 Bleury St.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of the McGill Athletic Association on Monday evening, at 5 p.m., in the Union.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WANT DRY U. S. A.

When the members of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress are called upon to vote on the proposed prohibition amendment at this session they will act with the knowledge that thousands of college students all over the country expect them to vote the Nation dry. Each will have been told by the "temperance element," as men in politics call the organized opponents of the liquor interests, that the voice of educational institutions, expressed in petitions, comes from many scores of sources. These congressmen will not only receive petitions signed by professors and instructors as well as by students, but resolutions, personal letters, telegrams and even literature. Every congressman will be made to understand that if the amendment is defeated, the petitioners, even after leaving college, will continue the fight, and while enrolled under the banner of the National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

A basketball practice will be held in the Central Y. M. C. A. at 6.15 p.m. to-day. In all probability the team to oppose Central Y. M. C. A. team on Tuesday will be picked.

tion, both as active members and honorary members, will be heard from at state elections.

The New England colleges—each one sending its own petition on its own college paper and worded in its own way—are working to this end under the Eastern District Intercollegiate Protective Association. The campaign is directed by Mark L. Shaw, secretary, at his headquarters at 31 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston.

For about two weeks, another worker, Vernon L. Phillips, field secretary for New England, has been making a tour of nearly 20 colleges. His work in conjunction with that of Mr. Shaw, while he was field secretary, brings the number visited to 50 per cent more. Mr. Shaw believes that the work of the association will do all to influence congressmen that can be expected. It will show he says, what the attitude of young men will probably be as soon as they leave college and enter business and professional activities.

Some time ago the national association sent out circulation a booklet describing its work. It said, "Now comes the time for the culminating drive. For seventeen years the association has been serving the cause of prohibition, enlisting, training for officers, and leading against the enemy the college men of the nation. Never did the association have such a promising opportunity for immediately effective and lasting service. Because of its special field, and its peculiar fitness for its task this association alone is prepared for the responsibility of mobilizing the students of five hundred American colleges for the final drive against humanity's greatest foe."

R. V. C. NOTES.

The R. V. C. Partial Society Tea and sale will be held this afternoon, from 4 to 6, in the Common Room. Admission will be 25c., in which tea is included, and the proceeds are to be for the aid of the University Settlement. All are invited to attend.

The Sophomore-Freshman Debate will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the R. V. C. The affirmative of the question: Resolved, that in the present war the Canadian Government should control the food resources of the country, will be discussed by the Freshmen, and the negative by the Sophomores. E. Cox and M. Fares will speak for the First Year, and D. Mawdsley and L. Roston for the second year.

This is the second of the inter-year debates. The first was won by the Juniors, with whom the year winning the Sophomore-Freshman Debate will compete for the championship.

BASKETBALL.

This afternoon, at 2 o'clock sharp, the most important event in the R. V. C. basketball season will take place in the form of a match between the above mentioned and Macdonald. Both the Senior and Junior teams will play, and the games are sure to R.V.C. Everybody please turn out to be exciting, as well as interesting; as last Wednesday, when the first inter-college matches were played, the results were divided, one Macdonald team being victorious, as well as one in the R. V. C. sym. at 2 sharp.

First R. V. C. Team.

Forwards: E. Hay and R. Goodwin. Guards: G. Gardner and R. Rogers. Centre: J. Spier. Wings: G. Craig and Q. Savage.

Second R. V. C. Team.

Forwards: E. Abbott and R. Con-tant. Guards: K. Milligan and H. Nichol. Centre: G. Moody. Wings: R. Salomon and H. Davidson. Spares: C. Hay and M. Fares.

INTER-YEAR FINALS.

On Wednesday next the inter-year finals will be played off between the Juniors and the Sophomores, the winners to play against the Seniors (who drew the bye), on a date to be fixed.

There will be an important R.V.C. A.A. Executive meeting on Tuesday at 1.30. Everyone please be ON TIME!

MED. '22 MEETING.

At a meeting of Med. '22, in the Physics Building yesterday, the question of closing lectures on the 14th of December was raised. A heated discussion took place, and many arguments were advanced by both sides. After a vote was taken the class decided to send a petition to the Faculty requesting the cessation of lectures a week earlier than scheduled to allow the students to take part in the coming election.

AMIALE ARTS ADHERENTS ARE APT OBSERVERS.

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hoped that in some future time religion would be in the sphere of action, and not in the sphere of speculation.

The chairman thanked Captain Graham in a few well chosen words, which without a doubt expressed the wishes of the whole audience.

Sergt. Harry Pearson then gave a song from the famous Captain Balm-father, followed by "The Irishman's Trip to Paris," which kept the audience in fits of laughter, and when he was through, prolonged cheers and clapping showed their appreciation.

After Harry Pearson had finished his comic songs and recitations, the president announced that Dean Moysse would say a few words.

The Dean commenced his speech by saying that he had a sore throat, and was afraid it would be hard for those in the rear of the room to hear him; but no one, however, found any difficulty in catching what he said.

Dean Moysse stated that he had much pleasure in being present, and said that he would prefer attending an Arts smoker to attending any other function. He said that he hoped that the Arts men would feel that a smoker was unsatisfactory unless he was present. Continuing, the Dean said that generally, being the third or fourth speaker, he found inspiration in what his predecessors had said and affirmed that Captain Graham's speech was splendid. The Englishman's opinion of the Canadian has changed, as has the Canadian's opinion of the Englishman. The old impression of the Englishman was that of a man who strolled up and down St. Catherine Street with a cigarette in his mouth. But the war had proved that that same man was ever ready to jump over the parapet of the trenches and die like a hero.

Dean Moysse said that he had never, in the forty years he had been at McGill, made England the subject of an address, but that he intended to say a few words on English life. He then proceeded to give some of the foundations of English character. Every spot in England has a history connected with it, and that was one reason why the Englishman compelled respect.

Another reason was that of tradition. In school the student was confronted with the names of Englishmen that had become household words, and that were continually a source of inspiration. Then again, truth and respect for superiors were always taught in school—"An Englishman's word is as good as his bond." Games also played an important part in the formation of the Englishman's charac-

FIRST MEETING OF PHYSICAL SOCIETY

Speake of the Occasion was Prof. Lloyd and Topic "Light and Growth."

The final meeting of the Physical Society for the present year, was held yesterday afternoon in the Physics Building. The speaker was Prof. Lloyd, of the Faculty of Medicine, who chose as his subject "Light and Growth."

Prof. Lloyd stated that in choosing his topic he was influenced by the fact that there are evidently still some botanists who believe that direct sunlight is detrimental to the growth of plant organisms. This theory was propounded long ago to explain facts observed by Pfeffer and Blau, but from the beginning of the present century the results of the work of eminent biologists seemed to point to different conclusions. In order that there may be no confusion on the subject in future, Prof. Lloyd presented the results of long experimentation carried out by himself in California. The deduction which he draws from his results is that light has no detrimental effect on organic growth.

The data collected from many experiments was then presented by lantern slides, and diagrams. A suitable plant with slender branches was chosen as the growing substance. The part of the plant under observation was enclosed in an apparatus which permitted the control of humidity of the atmosphere, and the quality of light. The growth for 24 hours was traced on a smoked drum. It was found that growth was normal from midnight till 8 a.m., then it increased from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m., fell to a minimum at 1 p.m., rose to a maximum at 5 p.m., and then gradually fell to normal at 8 p.m. Microscopic examination of the leaves showed that the pores were open widest from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m., at which time they closed to their minimum aperture, to gradually open again at 5 p.m.

Because the period of 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. was the period of maximum sunlight, it was thought that the rapid growth was due to that force; but the speaker believed that the growth was due to the fact that loss of water by evaporation was considerably lessened by the partial closing of the leaf pores.

These and other arguments were presented as favouring the thesis that any change produced in the growth of a plant by physical means can be explained entirely by physical means, such as humidity, etc., and hence, light has no retarding effect on growth.

Prof. Lloyd was thanked by the chairman, who congratulated him on the large amount of work that he had carried out to obtain his results.

After a short discussion the Society adjourned till the New Year.

ter. The Dean then explained how cricket was played. The slightest piece of "shady" playing on the part of one of the participants meant instant expulsion from the game, and the loss of the reputation of the man who had broken the rules. It would be said about him, "Oh, he didn't play the game." The same held true in France. An underhand trick, employed against the Germans was squelched with the words "not cricket."

Dean Moysse then told two stories which showed the unobtrusiveness of the English gentleman. The Englishman was always in contact in all countries with the fine old English families. This influence for good on the part of the old English family was especially manifested throughout England itself. Here the Dean said he did not wish to add up England as a model country, but was merely pointing out some of the characteristics of the English.

Before the war class feeling had arisen in England—the middle class limiting the upper class, the lower class the middle, and so on. There was also the curse of party feeling. England was not in a satisfactory state at that time. The same holds true for Canada. If a truly honest party could be guaranteed the votes

HOCKEY PRACTICE.

The City League will hold an extra practice on Monday next. On Wednesday the McGill squad will start their regular weekly practice hour, viz., 4.45 to 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The allotment of hours for Monday is as follows: 7.00 to 7.40 p.m.—Loyola.

7.40 to 8.20 p.m.—McGill.

8.20 to 9.00 p.m.—National.

9.00 to 9.40 p.m.—Can.

9.40 to 10.20 p.m.—Vickers.

10.20 to 11.00 p.m.—Laval.

On Monday the Executive of the League will hold a meeting to pass on the players' contracts.

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close attention to his speech, the Dean sat down amidst hearty applause.

Chairman Blampin, after warmly thanking the Dean, announced that Harry Pearson would give another song.

Mr. Pearson then sang an exceptionally funny song about the Kaiser. His reference to Mayor Martin's collecting Kaiser Bill's insurance money met with prolonged laughter. Called on for an encore, H. Pearson gave another humorous song about the gradual elimination of "Ten Little Bridesmaids."

Refreshments in the form of sandwiches, delicious cake, ice cream and coffee were then handed around. There was plenty of everything, and judging from the munching of jaws they met with hearty approval. S. M. MacSween and T. V. Blimore filled in the interval with music.

After the refreshments, "Dan" Letherland got up on the platform and congratulated the Arts Undergraduate Executives and the Union staff upon this splendid programme they had arranged. He said that it gave him much pleasure to be present, and that he had never been to a more successful smoker.

Clapham then appeared in the role of a preacher, carrying a bulky volume, full of lore. He opened his sermon in a serious manner on "Mother Hubbard," and very learnedly went through the different points showing why they were so, and no other way.

This was followed by an "announcement," which was full of humor. Each day of the week, had a point to it.

Dr. MacNaughton, the popular professor, whose speeches are always highly appreciated, was then called upon to speak.

He apologized for coming late, as he had to attend the banquet given in honour of the President of Princeton. Coming from such a solemn meeting made him feel so solemn that he was not sure whether he was over it yet. He then mentioned the Arts Faculty and the Dean "as our grand bean." He pointed out that the Dean had the genius of youth, which made all feel as though they were young. Dr. MacNaughton then said that a "professor" is not a particularly well paid man, and being among so many rich men made him feel depressed. But after all, he would rather be a poor professor and be with young men, among whom he could never grow old.

The speaker then went on to say that the Arts Faculty was the centre

WOMEN AGAINST SUNDAY DATES.

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QUIPS

UNCLE SALT BASIN—THE PEN THAT LEAKS.

Dark thoughts of rage now fill my breast, and dye with red my cheeks: I sing about that awful pest, the fountain pen that leaks! Of all the things that work us woe, of all the baleful freaks, this is by far the worst I know, the fountain pen that leaks! You're feeling in poetic mood, you start to write like fun, your pen shoots forth an inky flood, and everything is done! Your temper's spoilt, your paper, too, your hands are smeared with ink, and all the show is up the flue, i.e. is on the blink. And if you write your fair Delphine and fill the page with blots, the language that you use, I ween, is not like John R. Mot's.

I often view my pen, by jing, and can't help but admire the fiendish cunning of the thing: it never seems to tire of pulling off the ancient trick and looking innocent until I use it, like a hick, and then, alas, repent!

And so I stand upon my head and vent my wrath in shrieks and howls against that thing of dread, the fountain pen that leaks!

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TO-DAY'S PERPETRATION.

Quest: Why does a man who makes a fake picture of the "Mona Lisa" represent progress?

Ans: Forging ahead, forging ahead!

PUTTY-EYED PERCIVAL SAYS

Mayor Martin said that if the Military Service Act became law the streets of Montreal would run red with gore. Perhaps he was thinking of the winter slaying!

A HORRIBLE DREAM.

(What might have been a tragedy—but wasn't.)

I had just emerged from the lecture-room and was congratulating myself, according to my custom, upon having survived at least one more of the dreaded ordeals, as I hurried off to my locker. Donning hat and coat, I was bent upon getting into the blessed light of day, and a pure atmosphere, when I chanced to spy the Editor struggling frantically with his coat, so I turned aside and lent a hand. Simultaneously uttering a sigh of profound relief, we descended the steps of the historic Arts Building and turned our faces southward. Reviving slightly in the bracing winter atmosphere, we began to take a passing interest in our surroundings, and the sight of a party of R. V. C. representatives, whom we most opportunely met, had the amazing effect of quite restoring our usual optimism and contentment. As we walked along, my journalistic friend suddenly remembered that a visit to the Library was essential, and so out of the mere goodness of my heart I volunteered to accompany him. And now as I look back I wonder what strange fate it was which impelled us to turn aside here.

As we ascended the slight incline, for you will recollect that there is an incline leading up towards the Museum, we noticed for the first time that the sidewalk, yes the very road was obstructed by a veritable mass of children—an ever shifting conglomeration of youthful humanity with here and there a head towering above it, which bore testimony as to the presence of the inevitable nurse-maid. Until now, as I said, we had not noticed this shifting multitude, but at this juncture, as I now recall it—ah, so distinctly, the Editor remarked in an abstract manner, but with a faint smile, "the infantry." We proceeded—now, let me recollect—we proceeded about ten paces, and then I caught a muffled exclamation from my associate. I remember quite distinctly glancing at him, and I can recall seeing him stroking his shin and moving his lips rapidly. The next instant I was suddenly hurled to the ground, by tripping over some obstacle hidden in the crowd swarming about me. When I again got to my feet I caught a glimpse of the Editor. This time he was rubbing both shins and talking in a very wild and incoherent manner. But once again I had occasion to look to my own welfare, and my attention was fully occupied in tracing the source of a stinging pain which I had suddenly developed in one of my ankles. Suddenly a piercing cry of despair drew my eyes in the direction of the Editor. What was my horror but to see him caught up, by a passing toboggan, which had apparently struck him above the ankles, and hurled over the brink of the steep declivity on the left. With a hoarse cry I forced my way to the edge and stood there helplessly looking on. My unfortunate comrade's body struck the icy side of the slope with a dull thud, then rolled and bounded—hesitated—and bounded to the bottom, where it lay still. At the same instant there was a rush beside me, and fully fifty laden toboggans shot downwards, and even as I strove to hide the horror of the sight from my eyes, the form of my companion was lost to sight in the onrushing mass—and crazed with horror of it all, I fought my way through the crowd of jeering infants, which pressed about me, and fled from the scene; the last word of my unfortunate friend ringing in my ears.

And it's all a dream. The Editor is a helpless mass in the corner as he continues to pass through spasm after spasm of laughter. I almost fear that he will injure himself unless he soon finds relief—oh, well, I never did believe in dreams; they are always too good to come true—let's see what was the subject I had in mind for that editorial?

MAN. ED.

POET'S SCORNER.

Edited by Pyrotechnic Pete and Anna Nyas.

The following brilliant effort has come to our hands from the far-famed satsuma (i.e. cracked) poet Aye Sen, who may possibly be remembered by some of you. Take a look at it, gentle readers, and study with care the exquisite arrangement of the lines, the truly scintillating strokes of wit, each stroke bringing forth showers of sparks (and cold water from the rest of the staff), and the thrilling culmination, and then tell us what you think of it.

AN INITIAL ATTEMPT.

Quips, Under India's Purple Skies, Unto the stars deep curses rise, In Africa's land they howl in fright, Persian and Greek and Muscovite, Sing all in chorus to thy fame, Shakespeare remarked, "What's in a name?"

Perchance to-day a contradiction, In thee he'd see to this conviction, Unduly, Quips, your name you flaunt, Quit Us, I Prithwee Sir.

Avant!

LESSONS IN COMPARISON.

Whisk, whisker, broom!

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

Dear Iva.—I noticed the other day that a few studies who tried to raise a disturbance on the street were not immediately attacked by the police, who seemed to condone the conduct of the young men. Now, I would like to know why it is that students are the only people who can raise Cain without being arrested.

Yours in indignation,

TIM BERTOP.

Dear Tim.—You say that students are the only ones; how about the sugar planters of the West Indies?

I VA PAYNE.

REALLY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following delightful contributions have been received from the R. V. C., and will, we are sure, delight all who read them. In the first one we have our old (not in any malignant sense of the word), friend Aunt Sugar Basin, whose saccharine strains will charm the ear of our readers (the strained effect being peculiarly noticeable in this effort). We have taken the liberty, unpardonable, perhaps, yet to our mind necessary, of adding a subtitle to the heading under which it first appeared to our astonished gaze. We note that the writer, in a rather obscure line, states that "to work to my mind is absurd." We realize the truth of this, for we have not infrequently met these brains with which the idea of working can in no sense be connected.

Secondly, comes a specimen of the work of a prose writer of great skill, the hand-writing being that of a former contributor, for whose pen-name the "Who" column must be consulted. The really interesting thing about this piece is the fact that it contains a joke, which is apparent to even a casual observer. We have always been sceptical with regard to the alleged existence of feminine humour, although prevented by chivalrous considerations from openly stating our doubt; now, however, we are forced to admit that there is every indication of the existence of such a quality, however negative it may be. In fact, we shall go so far as to affirm that a thorough scientific investigation would doubtless reveal the presence of humour in the feminine mind in hitherto unsuspected quantities. There are various clues which may be followed up by the earnest student of the subject. For example, the observation of three Ha's near the termination of the article under discussion led us to imagine that there was a witticism in the immediate vicinity, and hence followed our discovery of the JOKE.

AUNT SUGAR BASIN—OR AUNT CLIMAX!

And shall we have a holiday To celebrate Election Day? Oh! pardon me, I greatly fear I've made a tiny slip just here. To "celebrate" is not the word—But "work" to my mind is absurd. For is it work to hunt around For all the votes that can be found? To "whip" out laggards to the polls? To make up speeches smart and droll? To listen to the candidates Whose promises decide their fates. Who, tearing hair and rending clothes, Agree to all the mobs propose. To drive decrepit creatures out, Senescent men, feet swollen with gout, And specimens bucolic, too. And those who don't know what to do, Who generally sit on the fence. And then the long hours of suspense When no man knows who's out or in. Then the announcement—joy—oh—grin. Well—if you would be sure of joy, The surest means you can employ IS VOTE!

OVERHEARD AT THE R. V. C.

Time: Friday afternoon, about 4.30. "Say—you remember I told you we were going to have an exam this afternoon—well, not one person in the whole class was able to answer a single solitary question! I just felt like a perfect idiot, sat there for a whole hour and never even turned over the first page of an exam book, and what the marks will be, nobody knows. Funnily enough, I didn't even hear 'so and so' say they thought they had passed, and you know if they

give up hope how blue the outlook is for me, because they work about a million times harder than I do, and then their INTELECT. Brains like theirs are always an asset—"

"Poor thing, commiserations, my dear! I think it is positively mean to give you papers you can't answer—and you did work like a dog for it, gave up the concert and everything—beastly shame, I call it, but you always get through anyhow, and even if you do fail, you should worry, as you can't be a Christmas Graduate in your third year."

Ha! Ha! Ha! Well, you would swallow the Arts Building, I do believe—we didn't have a paper at all—the questions didn't turn up, so how COULD we answer them?

At this point an ink-well tried to force its way through the wall about half an inch from the speaker's head, followed by

"You a-a-a-r-r-r—too smart to live."

WHO

is the basketball expert who writes under the title of "Ernestine"?

WHO

is the Freshette who calls herself "The Rhymer"? Does she hope to keep herself incog?

WHO

was the Arts Junior who cried aloud in great agony of mind, "I don't care what you say about me, so long as you don't couple my name with a girl's?"

WHO

was the Third Year Med. who walked out of his way down to Milton St. with a fair companion?

WHO

were the Freshettes who were so anxious to have their note received by a Freshman in the Arts Building on Monday morning at 8.55?

WHO

is the Third Year Med. who has been giving information to a Fourth Year man of the same Faculty, regarding one of the fair sex of the Faculty of Music, much to the pleasure of the latter?

WHY

is the Fourth Year Med., who the embryo musician, and

DID

they enjoy hearing Harry Lauder?

WHO

can the Political Science student be who refuses to have his mind polluted with politics?

WHO

were the Freshmen who were so eager to be on time for their tea o'clock lecture on Tuesday?

WHO

is the delight of the Organic Chemistry Class? And was he a professional acrobat and trapeze performer before his appearance at McGill?

WHO

is the Law Freshie who fell asleep during the afternoon lecture last Monday?

WHO

is the lady Law student who conferred with the speaker on the Woman Suffrage question, at the Coronation Hall, on Monday night?

WHO

are the two inseparables in Law '20, who are always arguing about nothing?

WHO

was the Second Year Science student who sat between two chairs at the meeting of the Can. Soc. C. 12, on Thursday night?

WHO

was the Second Year Law student who "came in" for the eats?

WHO

were the Second Year Arts men who fell upon the viands last night more in the manner of starving hyenas than in that of human beings?

WHO

was the Freshman who annexed all the biscuits at the "Sing" last Sunday evening?

WHO

was the First Year Med. student who, after the dinner on Tuesday night counted the buttons on a policeman's coat at the corner of Bleury and St. Catherine Sts.

WHO

is the Med. Freshette who has started to call an Arts B.S. Soph "my dear"?

WHO

is the Soph??

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

McGill defeated by 24th at water polo. Score 5-3.

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Award of Military Cross to Lt. W. C. M. Scott, Med. '14, announced.

Theological Students' Society decides in favour of amalgamation with the Students' Society of the University.

AN OMISSION.

From the list of officers given in yesterday's Daily as being connected with the ceremony to be held this afternoon on the campus, the name of Capt. Dan Gilmour, Law '15, was inadvertently omitted.



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MED. UNDERGRAD. SOC. HELD GOOD MEETING

Society Hears An Excellent Address Illustrated With Slides on Skin Diseases.

The Medical Undergraduate Society held its semi-monthly meeting last night before an enthusiastic, if somewhat small number of students. It is to be regretted that there was not a larger number of students present to hear the excellent lecture delivered by Dr. Shepherd.

At the outset it was announced that the Society was sending a representative to attend the Queen's Medical Society Dance. A hearty vote of thanks was moved, too, to Mrs. Birkett, Dr. Maud Abbott, Mrs. D. Evans, Acting Dean Blackader, Dr. Scane, and the many others who so kindly and wholeheartedly helped to make the dance in aid of the Roumanian Red Cross a success. It was further announced that the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars would be placed by the Society to the credit of the Roumanian Red Cross. The action of the Executive in investing three hundred dollars in Victory Bonds met with the approval of the meeting. The Executive were asked to make inquiries as to the incorporation of the Medical Society.

At this stage of the proceedings Dr. Shepherd was announced by the chairman, who showed how much McGill owed to him. Dr. Shepherd was Dean of the Medical Faculty prior to Dean Birkett, and as Professor of Anatomy upheld McGill's high standard of efficiency in Anatomy. He has for years been one of the best surgeons in his profession. With advancing years, he has taken up Dermatology, almost as a hobby. Along with Sir William Osler, Dr. Shepherd was one of the leading spirits in organizing the Medical Society, which at first used to meet over a drug store.

Dr. Shepherd's illustrated talk on Skin Diseases was fine from beginning to end. He had a splendid selection of slides, and his explanations and descriptions were to the point and at times humorous. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Shepherd, who kindly promised to speak again before the Society on the subject of Leues.

The Case Report proved to be a most interesting one of Glioma of the left frontal lobe of the Cerebrum. Most of the diagnoses considered the trouble to be in the right Cerebellum.

PATRIOTIC T. C. GIRLS AIDING GOVERNMENT.

In co-ordinating its departments to meet the demands of service to the nation, Teacher's College has made considerable headway in a variety of fields. A Red Cross auxiliary has been established, which provides free wool for those who desire to knit for the soldiers.

Many students have responded liberally to Mme. Paderewski's call for volunteers, to aid the Polish War Sufferers. A surgical dressing class in Room 257 Thompson provides free instruction, and materials for the making of bandages and similar goods to meet hospital requirements. Both members of the faculty and the student body have given themselves generously to this work, which will go a great way towards aiding the field medical service in France.

Each class has donated to Teacher's College a one hundred dollar Liberty Bond, while members of the student body and their friends purchased in the last campaign over \$12,000 worth of bonds. —Columbia Spectator.

AN INSPIRATION.

Rodin, the erstwhile gamin, dying a prince of his calling, carried on the old tradition that the born artist will find his goal, no matter how strait the way. Canova, the little stone-cutter; Chantrey, in his garret with a lighted candle in his cap; Grinling Gibbons, discovered in his hut by Evelyn; Glotto, taken, like the later Segantini from his flocks on the mountains to the studio; Rembrandt and Constable, from the mill; Titoretto, from the dye-shop; Turner, from the barber; Millet, from the fields he immortalized; Romney, Opie, Jackson, Wilkie—there was never a rose in the early paths of these men.

GERMAN GAMES NOT POPULAR.

Pinochle playing has been forbidden in the buildings of the University of Syracuse on the ground that it is a German game.

SCIENCE UNDERGRAD. PETITIONS FACULTY.

A petition was handed to the Faculty of Applied Science yesterday, asking that the Christmas Vacation start on the 14th of December, in order that students might have time to get home and cast a vote, as well as to get an opportunity to stimulate interest in the cause which is of so great an importance to the Dominion at present. The petition was signed by the Presidents of the various years, as well as of the Undergraduate Society, and was drawn up in conjunction with the other Undergraduate bodies in the University. At Toronto this change of date in the Xmas vacation has already been effected.

ANNUAL BOARD TO MEET.

There will be a meeting of the '19 Annual Board on Tuesday, the 11th, at 7.30 p.m., in the R. V. C. All members are requested to be present, as most important business is to be transacted.

WHAT'S ON.

TO-DAY.

2.00 p.m.—Basketball game: R. V. C. vs. Macdonald College, in R. V. C.
3.00 p.m.—C.O.T.C.
4.15 p.m.—Colours of 148th Battalion deposited in Redpath Library.
4 to 6 p.m.—R.V.C. Partial Society Tea in Common Room and sale.
6.15 p.m.—Basketball practice—Central Y.M.C.A.

COMING.

Dec. 10.—Meeting of Athletic Association, 6 p.m.
Dec. 11.—Meeting of R.V.C. Athletic Association, 1.30 p.m.
Dec. 11.—Meeting of Annual Board in R. V. C. at 7.30 p.m.
Dec. 11.—Glee Club practice at 3 p.m.
Dec. 12.—Historical Club Meeting.
Dec. 12.—Second Inter-year Debate between Sophomores and Freshmen, in R.V.C.
Dec. 18.—National vs. McGill, hockey at Arena, 10 to 11 p.m.

COMM. '17 MAN NOW IN TEXAS WITH THE R. F. C.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Canada earlier this fall was just the same as any other day. It was long after daylight when we got back from work, and there wasn't even an extra piece of butter given out for any meal. Lots in camp did not know that it was Thanksgiving there, but here it was different.

Winter must be pretty well advanced up north by now, and only yesterday, while working in the hangar rigging machines it was so warm that fellows stripped to the undershirt.

As I won't write again before Christmas, I will bid you a bright and merry one. The next time I write I will try and give you a real letter, and not such a disconnected jumble as this is.

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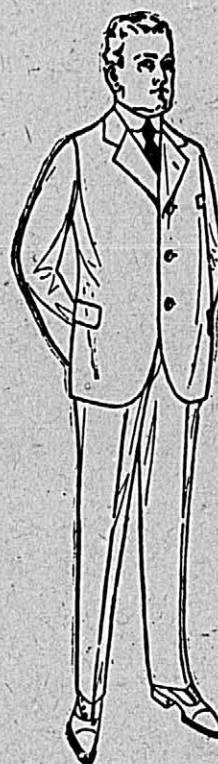
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